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1999/9. Progress report on follow-up to the World Summit for Children

The Executive Board,

1. *Notes* with satisfaction the overall progress being made in the implementation of the Declaration of the World Summit for Children and its contribution to the realization of children's rights;

2. *Recognizes* that extraordinary efforts are needed to accelerate progress towards the end-decade goals and, in this context, *urges* Governments in programme countries to adopt appropriate strategies and to allocate to the maximum extent possible resources for action;

3. *Also recognizes* the economic and social difficulties faced by developing countries and countries with economies in transition in achieving the goals of the World Summit for Children, especially for countries facing a debt burden;

4. *Encourages* Governments to conduct periodic national and subnational reviews of progress in achieving the World Summit for Children goals, and in the broader context of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

5. *Requests* donor Governments, in their endeavours to reverse the decline in official development assistance, to allocate to the maximum extent possible resources to support the achievement of the World Summit for Children goals and to ensure universal access to basic social services;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to advocate for and support efforts by national Governments and other relevant actors in civil society to achieve the end-decade goals, within the framework of national and subnational programmes of action;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to work with Governments to strengthen further national capacities for the collection and use of data to monitor progress towards the end-decade goals;

8. *Requests* the Executive Director to support the Secretary-General in the preparation of the end-decade review in 2001, including an overall assessment of progress achieved and lessons learned during the decade, an analysis of the main factors that have inhibited progress, an overview of remaining challenges and issues, and specific recommendations for the future;

9. *Further requests* the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board on the implementation of the present decision at the 2000 annual session.

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